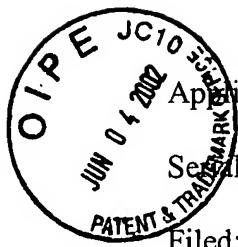


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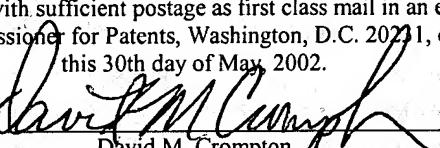
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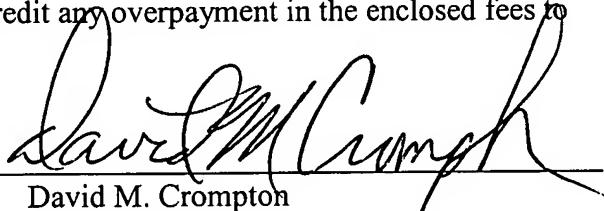
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Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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